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SUBJECT: CALL BY AMBASSADOR AKHUND OF PAKISTAN ON GOVERNOR
SCRANTON, JANUARY 5, 1977

1. PAKISTANI PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, AMBASSADOR IQBAL AKHUND, CALLED UPON GOVERNOR SCRANTON JANUARY 5, 1977 AT THE FORMER'S REQUEST. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S RECENT "NON-PAPER" HANDED TO THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, DISCUSSING PAKISTAN'S PERFORMANCE AT THE 31ST UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. AKHUND DESIRED TO DISPEL OUR MISAPPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE BASIC PAKISTANI ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S. AKHUND OBSERVED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE DIFFERENT AT THE 30TH AND 31ST UNGA'S, AND PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE REFLECTED THE CHANGE. PAKISTAN AND THE GROUP OF 77 HAD GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOLLOWING THE 7TH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION (1975) FOR THE CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC). THESE EXPECTATIONS, HOWEVER, HAD NOT BEEN REALIZED BY THE FALL OF 1976.

3. AKHUND STATED THAT THE "MILITANCY" ATTRIBUTED BY THE
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U.S. TO PAKISTAN'S STANCE IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE IS NOT CORRECT. PAKISTAN, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77, REFLECTED THE FRUSTRATION AND PRESSURES OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND "THE 77'S" DESIRE TO GET CIEC AFFAIRS MOVING. AKHUND STRESSED THAT "THE 77" ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CIEC PROGRESS. "THE 77" DECIDED TO PRESENT THEIR POSITION IN WRITING TO THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, NOT

FOR CONFRONTATION,BUT TO CLARIFY THE "DEMANDS" OF "THE 77"
AND TO MARK THE INTENSITY OF THEIR FEELING.

4. AKHUND STRESSED THE SIMILARITY OF PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE
WITH THAT OF THE U.S. ON ISSUES ON OTHER UN COMMITTEES,
APOLOGIZING, HOWEVER FOR THEIR GUAM VOTE. HE CLAIMED NOT
TO BE COMPLETELY FILLED IN WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION
AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE ON GUAM.

5. SCRANTON EXPLAINED PROBLEMS CREATED BY CIRCUMSTANCES
ARISING FROM A U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THESE WERE
AMONG THE PROBLEMS INHIBITING FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CIEC
MATTERS AT THE UNGA. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
PAKISTAN'S DECEMBER EFFORTS IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE TO
DISCOURAGE AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NORTH AND
SOUTH AFTER THE EARLIER DIFFICULTIES.

6. SCRANTON SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL WERE PAKISTAN
DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO
TALK WITH SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND SECRETARY OF
TREASURY BLUMENTHAL ABOUT "THE 77'S" INTERESTS REGARDING
THE CIEC. AKHUND APPRECIATED THIS SUGGESTION.

7. COMMENT: THE CONVERSATION WAS HARMONIOUS. AKHUND
SEEMED TO BE TRYING HARD TO ASSURE US THAT PAKISTAN IS
NOT HOSTILE TO THE U.S. AND THAT IT CONSIDERS BASIC RELATIONS
TO BE EXCELLENT AND WANTS THEM TO REMAIN SO. ALSO HE
INSISTED THEIR POSITION WAS BASED ON REPRESENTING 77 GROUP
THINKING AND HAD NO REFERENCE TO BHUTTO'S THIRD WORLD SUMMIT FOR
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ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH AKHUND INFERRED WAS BACK-BURNER, LONG-
TERM INTEREST. DESPITE HIS PROTESTATIONS, HOWEVER, MANY G-77
DELEGATIONS HAD TOLD US REPEATEDLY THAT PAKISTAN (A) WAS
OUT IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS IN ITS MILITANCY AND (B) THE
PRIMARY REASON WAS BHUTTO'S INITIATIVE. END COMMENT.
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